

REMARKS

The objection to claims 2 and 3 and the indication that such claims would be allowable when rewritten in independent form is acknowledged.

By the present amendment, independent claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and objected to claims 2 and 3 have been written in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of parent claim 1 therein with informalities in claim 3 being corrected, such that claims 2 and 3 should now be in condition for allowance. Dependent claim 4 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 2 while correcting an informality therein, such that dependent claim 4 should now be in condition for allowance, and by the present amendment, a new dependent claim 5 corresponding to claim 4 as amended, dependent from allowable claim 3 has been presented, such that claim 5 should also now be in condition for allowance.

As to the rejection of claims 1 and 4 under 35 USC 102(b) and the rejection of claim 4 under 35 USC 103(a) over the indicated cited art, applicants submit that such rejections have been obviated by the cancellation of claim 1 and the amendment of claim 4 to depend from allowable claim 2 and the corresponding amendment to add dependent claim 5 correspond to claim 4 dependent from allowable claim 3. Accordingly, a discussion of the cited art is considered unnecessary.

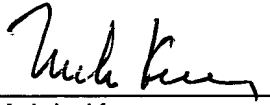
In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of a favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.43627X00),
and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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